

Competition requires competitors to be alive. If the FCC lifts the dominant classification from the Local Exchange Carriers (Bells), it will limit competition to a duopoly consisting of a bell and a cable company. Competition in the American Telecom marketplace will not be incentivized, it will be torpedoed. ISPs and CLECs will suffer, and consumers will be deprived of choice. Chairman Powell: Please do not accomodate the ILECs at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country